

SENATE BILL 308

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4,
Chapter 3, Part 11 and Title 12, Chapter 3, relative
to public purchases of motor vehicles.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-3-1109, is amended by deleting the section in entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(a) Beginning on January 1, 2010, any new passenger motor vehicle acquired by the commissioner in the fleet of state vehicles shall be an energy-efficient motor vehicle.

(b)

(1) Commencing June 30, 2008, the commissioner shall compile and maintain information on the nature of passenger motor vehicles that are owned and leased by the state, including, but not limited to:

(A) The number of passenger motor vehicles purchased during the fiscal year categorized by energy-efficiency; and

(B) The number of passenger motor vehicles owned as of June 30 of each year categorized by energy-efficiency.

(2) The commissioner shall file an annual report with the governor and the general assembly concerning such passenger motor vehicles. The report shall include at a minimum:

(A) The number of motor vehicles purchased each year pursuant to subsection (a); and

(B) Any savings or increased expenditures to the state in the purchase of, as well as the operation and maintenance cost of, such motor vehicles.

(3) The information compiled and maintained pursuant to subdivisions (b)(1) and (2) shall be made accessible to the public on the department's web site through a prominent link provided on the home page. In addition, the department shall submit an annual report containing the information compiled and maintained pursuant to subdivisions (b)(1) and (2) to the speaker of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives and to the chairs of the committees concerning government operations and conservation and environment of the senate and the house of representatives.

(c) For purposes of this section unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) "Energy-efficient motor vehicle" means a passenger motor vehicle that is:

(A) An alternative fuel vehicle as defined by the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (P.L. 102-486);

(B) A flexible fuel vehicle (FFV) utilizing ethanol, biodiesel, or any other commercially available alternative fuel approved by the United States department of energy;

(C) A hybrid-electric vehicle (HEV); or

(D) A vehicle powered by unleaded gasoline that has a United States environmental protection agency estimated highway gasoline mileage rating of at least thirty (30) miles per gallon or greater for the model year purchased; and

(2) "Passenger motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle designed for carrying six (6) or fewer adult passengers and used for the transportation of persons; provided, that vans, including cargo vans, trucks, sport utility vehicles and police pursuit vehicles shall not be considered passenger motor vehicles.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.